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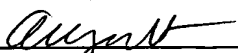
Six groups were identified in the official action: Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to compounds of formula I; Group II, claims 11-14, drawn to pharmaceutical compositions and method of use; Groups III, IV and V, claims 15, 16 and 17, respectively, drawn to process aspects; and Group VI, claim 18-20, drawn to complex compositions.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, with partial traverse. Applicants urge that along with the compound aspect of Group I, they are entitled to pursue claims to pharmaceutical compositions and at least one method of use. Claim 11 is drawn to pharmaceutical compositions comprising an effective amount of a compound of claim 1, regardless of the disease treated. Claim 12 is a broad method claim to CNS diseases in general and stroke, while

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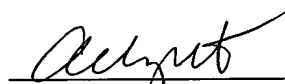

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claim 13 identifies three types of CNS diseases, and claim 14 further narrows the CNS diseases to three specific neurodegenerative diseases. With the possible exception of a distinction between treatment of CNS diseases and treatment of stroke, claims 12-14, therefore, are not all drawn to multiple methods, but to increasingly specific methods of treatment. If CNS diseases and stroke are considered patentably distinct, applicants would be willing to elect the treatment of CNS diseases for prosecution in this application.

Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that Group I and Group II (at least in part) be examined together.

Respectfully submitted,



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